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GERMANY'S PROMISE.

The Kaiser is still fixing dates for momentous events. Like the Millerites, however, who predicted the end of the world in the early thirties, he is merely changing his dates. The German army were to eat their dinner in Paris September 15, 1914. The Teutons now promise the world to end the war in October.

The allies, too, seem to have a changeable calendar. The Russian cry of "On to Berlin!" is not heard at present. The Baltimore American of today says:

"When the leaves begin to turn and the air becomes chill and the frost is beginning the pumpkins, peace, sweet peace, the gift of the Kaiser to the world, will be heralded. So says a dispatch from Amsterdam that professes to set forth a recent order of the day issued to the Teutonic armies in Flanders. The order is said to declare that the work of the Germans in the east is finished and they are ready to begin in the west. It winds up with the words, 'peace is certain in October.' Such fine calculation in the presence of so much of miscalculation by the Teuton allies is certainly refreshing. But there is no power of divination among them or anyone else as to the time that the divinity that shapes the ends of nations will take to bring about peace and when this shall be acclaimed.

"The world would welcome peace, the neutral world would experience peculiar relief. But the world does not believe that the German order of the day represents prescience in the matter of when the war shall come to a close. As to the drive in the west, if the Allies have not prepared for it they may be driven indeed and the way may be opened for a German peace in October. But the business of being a prophet in this war is not one to command respect. The naming of October as the date when the Allies will sue for peace is of no more value than to mention the same date for a total conquest by the Allies. The war has not yet advanced to the point at which safe predictions can be made as to the outcome."

AMERICAN FLAG VANISHES

Several months ago at a time when the "yellow peril" makes periodical returns an apprehensive American was talking with a Japanese official. The former referred to relations between the United States and Japan and incidentally suggested that Nippon might have to fight for commercial supremacy in the Pacific. The subject of the Mikado smiled and assured his companion no such thing was likely, as Japan already enjoyed ninety per cent of the trade of the ocean and had no idea of attempting to capture the other tenth by an expensive war uncertain in its result. The Japanese moreover said that, under present conditions, it was impossible for the United States to compete with Japan, as labor conditions in this country made it impossible.

It seems that the small share of the Pacific trade enjoyed by America has passed from her, and at this time the island kingdom, in a commercial sense, rules the Pacific. While we make no criticism of the law which has brought these conditions about, the fact that the United States has no part in the trade of the Pacific is unfortunate.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company in pursuance of its plan, announced some time ago, of disposing of its fleet and other property, has sold five of its steamers to the Atlantic Transport Company, of West Virginia. The steamers disposed of are the Manchuria, Mongolia, Korea, Siberia and China, some of which were built in Newport News, Va.

Some months ago the Pacific Mail Steamship Company indicated that it would withdraw its steamers from the transpacific service, and probably dispose of them because of the new

seamen's law passed by the last session of Congress, the terms of which it is claimed, made it impossible for the Pacific Mail to compete with the Japanese lines. Many of the members of the crews, chiefly in the fire rooms, consist of cheap coolie labor, and, under the new law, the Pacific Mail would have to replace them with men speaking the same language as the officers of the ship. This, it was stated, was one of the most onerous clauses of the new law, but there were others which contributed to the decision of the steamship company to dispose of its property.

GREAT WAR DRAIN.

All the warring nations in Europe are straining their credit to the utmost in their effort to tear each other to pieces. They are borrowing wherever they can borrow and paying as far as possible for vast outlay with paper notes. Meantime their gold is pouring into the United States by trainloads. How much longer can they stand the strain?

While all this is going on Von Buelow says Germany will only listen to terms by which that country can obtain a proud peace. If he is voicing the sentiments of the nation, the war is liable to go on.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Actual work on installing machinery for making 2,000,000 rifles for the allies began yesterday at the new Edystone plant of the Remington Arms Company, Philadelphia.

Another Zeppelin raid, the second this week, was made Thursday night on the east coast of England. Six persons were killed, twenty-three injured and fourteen buildings were seriously damaged.

New uprisings by the Bobo and Zamor factions have broken out at Cape Haitien, and have forced Rear Admiral Caperton to establish military rule in the city.

On Thursday morning in the lower Adriatic the Austrian submarine boat U-3 was sunk by an Italian vessel. The second officer and 11 men of the crew were saved and made prisoners.

R. E. Donaldson, of Milford, Iowa, owner of a racing car, which won places at Indianapolis and Omaha, was killed instantly in an automobile race at Spirit Lake, Iowa, yesterday afternoon. Mechanism Wilcox probably was injured fatally.

Thomas Anderson, aged 30, a widely known golfer, was killed near Montclair, N. J., last night by being crushed under his automobile. Anderson was learning to operate the machine. Two demonstrators were injured.

Henry C. Hunter, secretary of the National Metal Trades' Association, declared in New York yesterday he has become convinced that the present strike agitation among machinists is fostered by agents of the German government.

Norway has sent a strong protest to the German government, complaining that Germany violated Norway's neutrality cruiser India at Gerdjord, which is in Norwegian territory. Gerdjord is an inlet between the Lofoden Islands and the coast of Norway.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company, which recently let it be known that it intends to withdraw its ships from the trans-Pacific service, owing to the seamen's act, has sold five steamships to the Atlantic Transport Company, of West Virginia, which is owned by the International Mercantile Marine Company.

It is understood that all of the European governments directly interested in Mexico had been approached informally concerning the pan-American peace plan and had given their approval, reserving only the right to press any legitimate claims they might have against Mexico when a permanent government is established.

Two men were killed and six injured, one probably fatally, late yesterday by an explosion at the plant of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, near Turtle Creek, Pa. The explosion occurred when the men attempted to place shells, which it is alleged are being made for use in the European war, into an annealing furnace.

A squad of special deputies, armed with rifles, last night guarded the county jail at Upper Marlboro, Md., where a negro, against whom threats of lynching had been made, is imprisoned. The negro, Charles Da-

vis, is officially charged with horse theft, but an unofficial accusation of cruelty to animals yesterday aroused the community.

Mukhtar Pasha, Turkish Ambassador at Berlin, has been recalled at the Kaiser's request because he reported to Constantinople that Germany and Austria were in the last stages of exhaustion and that the first serious German repulse would bring destruction. He recommended the Porte to employ discretion, pointing out that if Germany lost she would use Turkey as a scapegoat.

Damage estimated at \$10,000,000 was caused by a terrific hurricane that swept over the northeastern and northern coast of Jamaica Thursday night and early yesterday. Great banana plantations were completely destroyed. Sugar plantations suffered the same fate. A gale is still blowing, but its violence is decreasing. So far as known there was no loss of life.

A running fight between 500 strikers and sympathizers on one side and 3 nonunion drivers and a score of policemen on the other, which terminated in a riot in front of the St. Louis Transfer Company's stable last night, was the initial act of violence in the strike of 1,500 transfer drivers and chauffeurs which began yesterday. The teamsters struck for higher wages and shorter hours.

Considerable re-enforcements appear to have reached the Russians in the most northerly theater, where armies of Gen. Von Hindenburg are operating. For several days the Germans have been retreating at all principal points. During this time Berlin has been authorized to observe a discreet silence on the situation in this region, but there is ample evidence to show that for the time being the Teutons are overmatched.

Secretary Daniels is putting finishing touches to his decision on recommendations of the court-martial growing out of "gouging" scandals in Annapolis. It is reported that the verdict of the court-martial calls for dismissal of the midshipmen. About twenty-one members of the midshipmen's battalion were involved in the scandal, and of these the Annapolis court of inquiry, which preceded the court-martial, recommended the dismissal of seven.

The first moves in the German plan to launch a great drive in the west and "end the war by October," are being made against two vital sections of the Anglo-French front in Belgium and around Verdun. The French communicate reports a strong infantry attack by the Germans in the region of Neuport, at which point strong re-enforcements have been reported arriving from Germany. The attack broke down under the allies' fire.

Newton McGrath, a section hand on the Wabash Railroad, who lives in Buffalo, a village near Springfield, Ill., has received more in one mail than he would have earned in 26, 670 years at his present occupation. McGrath, holding his tamping and shovel, tore open a letter from a New York law firm advising him that his share of the \$50,000,000 Mercer estate, in which he is an heir on his mother's side, is about \$10,000,000. He read the letter several times, struck it into the back pocket of his overalls, spat upon his hands and resumed tamping.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Of the 400 electrical workers who walked out at the Du Pont Works at Hopewell Thursday, officials say only a few remained away yesterday. The men say the strike was for a fuller recognition of their union.

Winfield Carver, a deckhand on the barge Staunton, of the Southern Transportation Company, loading at Norfolk, stumbled on the deck Thursday afternoon and falling overboard, was drowned.

A shrapnel and gun cotton manufacturing plant will be located in Newport News in the old brewery building, if negotiations pending between Arthur Longley, owner of the brewery, and a Boston munitions firm materialize.

Arthur Watkins, aged 27, is docketed to be arraigned before Police Justice Christian on a charge of seducing a 12 year old white girl under promise of marriage last February. Watkins, according to the entry on the police blotter, is a married man.

P. C. Goodloe, his wife and Ernest Goodloe, of Spotsylvania, at the Mary Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, suffering from typhoid fever, are doing very well though still very sick. The two little girls,

Kathline and Elise, also have the same disease. These five cases are all of one family.

Paul Griffin, a popular young man of Fork Union, narrowly escaped being seriously injured or killed this week by a mad bull. First the bull attacked a mule and severely cut the animal with his horns about the body. Then he knocked down a gate. Later he tossed Griffin over a wire fence.

Paul Leman, accompanied by his wife, arrived in Norfolk Thursday night at 9 o'clock, having journeyed all the way from Philadelphia on a motorcycle. Leman left Philadelphia a week ago yesterday, making his first stop at Washington. He left Washington Wednesday morning for Richmond by way of Alexandria and Fredericksburg, and got into the capital city Wednesday night about 8 o'clock. He left Richmond for Norfolk Thursday morning at 11:30.

GERMAN CRUISER DESTROYED

Russian Vessels Sustain no Serious Injury in Naval Fight

Petrograd, Aug. 14.—According to the latest unofficial accounts, the Russian Baltic fleet inflicted heavy losses on the German battleship squadron near Oesel Island Thursday.

It is stated that a large German cruiser was destroyed and several other warships damaged. Despite the heavy firing of the German ships the Russian vessels sustained no loss or serious injury. Russian seaplanes again rendered invaluable service in supporting the fleet.

It is surmised that the enemy's purpose was to reconnoiter the waters of the northern Baltic and, if possible, bottle up the Russian fleet in the Gulf of Finland and the Gulf of Bothnia.

As long as the Russian warships are able to penetrate to the south it will be impossible for the German to provision Von Buelow by sea or to send transports for the Libau and Windau operations. The hostile fleet therefore, must be regarded as a necessary adjunct to the land operations between the Dvina and the Niemen.

Oesel Island is at the mouth of, and commands the entrance to, the Gulf of Riga in the Baltic.

THE JINX CONVINCED HIM

Disbeliever in Friday the Thirteenth Hoo do is Convinced

Frederick, Md., Aug. 14.—"There ain't no such thing as a Friday. The thirteenth, Jinx," said E. G. Lithicum of Jarroville, to his wife at breakfast yesterday morning. His better half persisted that there is, and the argument was getting warm when a loud cackling drew Lithicum to his henhouse.

He found a weasel causing a commotion among the fowls. Hurrying back to the house for a shotgun he ran into the clothesline at the height of his throat and choked himself breathless. The gun kicked and broke his left wrist with the first shot, which missed the weasel. He threw it to his right shoulder and took another hurried shot. The gun lacerated his right thumb. The weasel escaped. "You win," he told his wife.

AN ALEXANDRIA INTERVIEW.

Mrs. Davis Tells Her Experience. The following brief account of an

interview with an Alexandria woman three years ago, and its sequel, will be read with keen interest by every citizen.

Mrs. G. W. Davis, 107 Prince St., Alexandria, gave the following account of her experience with Doan's Kidney Pills in March, 1912. She said: "Doctors treated me for a long while and pronounced my case a severe one, in fact, they said I had diabetes. Often I felt so listless and nervous that I almost gave up hope. I endured tortures from the complaint. I finally used Doan's Kidney Pills and they brought me relief after everything else had proven of no value. They strengthened me and removed the trouble from the kidney secretions."

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Men's \$5.00 Low Shoes, now	\$3.25	Ladies Pat Leather Oxford and Pumps, fancy tops, \$2.50 and \$4.00 values, at this sale for	\$1.95
Men's \$4.00 Low Shoes, now	\$2.90	Ladies Red Cross High Shoes, mostly lace, worth \$4.00 \$4.50, some at \$5.00 all go at this sale for	\$2.75
Men's \$3.50 Low Shoes, now	\$2.45	Broken lot, Ladies High Shoes, worth up to \$4.00 go for	\$1.95
Men's \$6.00 High Shoes, this sale	\$4.85	Broken lot Ladies High Shoes, bottom and lace, worth up to \$3.00, at this sale for	\$1.45
Men's \$5.00 High Shoes, this sale	\$3.90	Broken lot Misses Shoes, worth up to \$2.50, for	95c
Men's \$4.00 High Shoes, this sale	\$3.25	Broken lot Misses Shoes, worth up to \$2.00, for	75c
Men's \$3. & \$3.50 High Shoes, this sale	\$2.65	All Ladies' Low Shoes, including Pumps, Colonials, Oxford ties, and Outing Shoes that were \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 & \$5.00, go for the one price	\$2.75
Men's \$2.50 High Shoes, this sale	\$1.95	The above consist of the Famous Queen Quality, J. & T. Cousin and Linder Shoe Co. makes.	
Broken lots of Men's Shoes, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 & \$5.00	\$1.95		
200 pairs of Boys' Oxford, the Famous Excelsior Shoe Company make, were \$3.50 & \$4.00, sizes 2 to 6, \$1.95			
Boys' \$3.50 High Shoes, at this sale	\$2.75		
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Boys' \$2.50 High Shoes, at this sale	\$1.75		
Boys' \$1.75 & \$2.00 High Shoes, at this sale	\$1.35		
Broken lot of Odds and Ends of Boys shoes, were \$1.50 and \$2.00, for	95c		

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